

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on September 23, 2014 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Mark Raymond
Chris Lyons, Clerk Pro Tem
John Aforismo, Alternate
Damian Cregeau, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate

Members Absent: John Maycock, Clerk

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Lyons, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on September 11, 2014.

APPLICATION NO. 4295-14. Sean Fournier seeks to replace the existing aluminum siding on the garage with vinyl siding at 13 River Road. (Tabled at the August 26, 2014 meeting. Left Open at the September 9, 2014 meeting. The last date to act is September 23, 2014.)

Sean Fournier, 13 River Road, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace the aluminum siding on the garage with vinyl siding. The siding on the garage matches the house right now. The garage aluminum siding is damaged. The siding on the garage will have the same color and reveal. He plans to re-side the house eventually to match the garage. The cornerboards will match the siding. The trim will be white wrapped aluminum. The siding is Home Depot Dimensions in the color Russet Red. All of the available siding has the wood grain. He can't find it in smooth.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4301-14. David and Margaret Aparo seek to replace four (4) basement windows at 17 Willard Street. (Left Open at the September 9, 2014 meeting. The last date to act is October 28, 2014.)

Applicant was not present.

APPLICATION NO. 4304-14. Jessica Parchman seeks to replace the existing garage door with a carriage style door at 46 Broad Street.

Jessica Parchman, 46 Broad Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. She would like to replace the existing 16 panel wood overhead door with a carriage style door. She found documentation that the original door on the house was a swing-out door with standard hinges. She would like to use an Overhead Door Company simulated carriage style door with black hardware.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4305-14. Gloria Davenport seeks to demolish the shed attached to the garage at 15 Wilcox Street.

Gloria and Joe Davenport, 15 Wilcox Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. The shed is falling down. The garage will remain as is and will be repaired to match existing if necessary.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4306-14. Steven Camilleri seeks to demolish the existing garage and construct an 18'x36' freestanding tandem two (2) car garage, construct patio seating walls, and install a 54" black metal fence with gates to enclose an in-ground pool at 10 Avalon Place.

Steven Camilleri, 10 Avalon Place, appeared before the Commission. Plans were submitted. He would like to remove the existing 10'x18' garage and replace it with a Kloter Farms 16'x36' tandem two car garage. It will be sided with T111 in the color Barn Red and it will have a steel carriage style door. It will have a gabled dormer on the southwest elevation and a door under that dormer. There will be windows on each gable end. It will have black shutters to match the house. The windows and trim will be white. There will be no cupola. The roof shingles will match the house – weathered wood color. It will be on a full foundation and there will be no ramp. They will also install an in-ground pool with a patio and a seating wall. There will be a black aluminum fence to surround the entire back yard, connecting at the garage. There will be a gate between porch and garage and a fence by the pool with another gate. The equipment for the pool will be directly behind the garage. The patio will be constructed of Unilock Brussels Block. There will be a built in grilling area and 30' of seating wall. The fence will be black powder coated aluminum with picket detail in between with ball caps on the posts.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Gary Vivian, 43 Old Pewter Lane, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4307-14. Larry Powers seeks to replace the existing windows in a 6/6 light pattern with wood true divided light windows in a 12/12 and 12/8 light pattern, replace the existing siding with James Hardie smooth lap siding in a 4" reveal, and to replace the existing trim with Azek board to match the existing design at 126 Main Street.

Larry Powers, 126 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. A sample of the siding was provided. They will use smooth Hardie plank siding in the color Mountain Sage. It will have the same 4" reveal. The trim will be Azek in a beige color. He would like to replace existing windows like for like but will change light patterns. The windows will be 12/12 downstairs and 12/8 upstairs. All windows will be wood true divided light. The gutters will remain as is.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4308-14. William Hart seeks to construct a two (2) story addition approximately 28'x12' in dimension on the rear of the property at 24 State Street.

William Hart, 24 State Street, and Joe Gibertoni, Contractor, 339 Cook Street, Plainville, appeared before the Commission. Plans were submitted. They would like to add a 12'x28' two story addition to the back of the house. It will be within the side walls of the existing home. They will match the existing siding and keep the same reveal. They will match all existing windows with Brosco 6/6 TDL wood windows. The soffits will match the house. The roofline will meet the peak of the existing roof. All paint colors will match existing. They will install an Andersen French wood slider with grids between the glass on the back of the house. The landing is pressure treated wood decking. It will have pressure treated square balusters with toe kick as shown. There will be no windows in the addition basement. There will be one light by the rear patio door to match the front of the house.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Paul Croce, 399 Main Street, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4309-14. Paul Serbaniewicz seeks to demolish the existing driveway and parking areas constructed of asphalt, crushed stone and dirt; to repave the crushed stone area with asphalt; repave a portion of the existing asphalt with asphalt; remove the dirt parking area; and to install 30' of cobblestone from the town sidewalk to the front walkway at 172-176 Main Street.

Paul Serbaniewicz, 176 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. Plans and photos were submitted. They would like to reshape the driveway. They will remove the dirt parking spot in front. The square footage will change by 54 square feet. There will be 30' of cobblestone from the sidewalk to the front walkway. A photo of the proposed cobblestone was provided. The existing trees will remain. There will be plantings to help block the views.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4310-14. Paul and Dawn Croce seek to construct a 12'x20' or 12'x24' freestanding one (1) bay garage at 399 Main Street.

Paul Croce, 399 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install a 12'x24' freestanding one bay garage. It is a Kloter Farms Manor Style Cape garage. It is at the end of the driveway. It is set back from the rear of the building approximately 3 to 4 feet. It will have a stone pad with a ramp if necessary but he would prefer to have it on the ground with no ramp. The roof will match the main house. It will be at least 60' from the street. It is sided with T111 in a red color. The door and window will face the back yard. It will have black strap hardware and the side wall will be blank.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

William Hart, 24 State Street, spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4311-14. Denis Walter seeks to replace the existing aluminum gutter with copper, applying copper to the valley and fascia at 326 Hartford Avenue.

Denis Walter, 326 Hartford Avenue, appeared before the Commission. Photos were submitted. He would like to replace the existing gutter with copper. He will also apply copper to the valley and fascia. There will be a downspout on the left side. There will be standard round copper downspouts.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Garrey, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications, except Application #4301-14, and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4295-14. Sean Fournier seeks to replace the existing aluminum siding on the garage with vinyl siding at 13 River Road. (Tabled at the August 26, 2014 meeting. Left Open at the September 9, 2014 meeting. The last date to act is September 23, 2014.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to DENY the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the exploration that's been undertaken thus far hasn't revealed opportunities for smooth siding, but it has been approved in the District before. If they are going to act today based on the representation that there is nothing other than wood grain available, all of the info out there isn't available. An internet search might provide more information.

Aye: Ovian Nay: Garrey, Raymond, Cregeau Recusal: Lyons

The Motion Failed

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Cregeau and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that he tends to think that most of the siding that they've done in vinyl has been textured. He doesn't recall seeing the smooth vinyl siding.

Commissioner Ovian stated that if you do an internet search for smooth vinyl siding, you will see pages of results.

Aye: Garrey Nay: Ovian, Raymond, Cregeau Recusal: Lyons

The Motion Failed

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Cregeau and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. Smooth vinyl siding shall be installed.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Cregeau Recusal: Lyons

APPLICATION NO. 4304-14. Jessica Parchman seeks to replace the existing garage door with a carriage style door at 46 Broad Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the discovery of the information that shows the original door to have been a carriage style is certainly supportive of a request to go back to it. The requested door is on a number of properties in the District.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4305-14. Gloria Davenport seeks to demolish the shed attached to the garage at 15 Wilcox Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's nice that so much of the existing building is intact.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this doesn't have a great deal of public view.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4306-14. Steven Camilleri seeks to demolish the existing garage and construct an 18'x36' freestanding tandem two (2) car garage, construct patio seating walls, and install a 54" black metal fence with gates to enclose an in-ground pool at 10 Avalon Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the lot is well situated to accommodate the massing. It will be a beautiful result.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a very nice garage. The dormer and the door tie in well. The fence is the ideal solution for fencing in the pool.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4307-14. Larry Powers seeks to replace the existing windows in a 6/6 light pattern with wood true divided light windows in a 12/12 and 12/8 light pattern, replace the existing siding with James Hardie smooth lap siding in a 4" reveal, and to replace the existing trim with Azek board to match the existing design at 126 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The siding shall be smooth 4" exposure fiber cement in the color Mountain Sage and the trim shall be Azek painted beige.
2. The third floor windows shall be replaced with wood true divided light windows in the existing light patterns.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that what the homeowner is doing is ideal. They have seen the Hardie plank used in the District successfully.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4308-14. William Hart seeks to construct a two (2) story addition approximately 28'x12' in dimension on the rear of the property at 24 State Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that the only reservation he has is that the shallow roofline is quite a contrast to the roofline below it. It's an exciting project.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it will read like an addition that is sensitive to the architecture of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

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Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that what's most visible is the cobblestone which will be a nice change. It will be a much cleaner look.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4310-14. Paul and Dawn Croce seek to construct a 12'x20' or 12'x24' freestanding one (1) bay garage at 399 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The shed shall be a Kloter Farms Manor Style with dimensions of 12'x24'.
2. The shed foundation shall be stone and the shed shall have a wood ramp.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that it is a great looking garage.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4311-14. Denis Walter seeks to replace the existing aluminum gutter with copper, applying copper to the valley and fascia at 326 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that it is a re-creation of the original pattern with materials that replicate the look.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Wurzer, Raymond

Abstain: Lyons

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

Kristin Stearley, 505 Silas Deane Highway, presented a sample board of True Definition Duration shingles, which doesn't currently have blanket approval. A contractor has asked if the Commission would be willing to grant blanket approval for all or some of the colors.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the following colors:

1. Sand Dune
2. Pacific Wave
3. Storm Cloud
4. Summer Harvest

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons

Nay: Raymond, Cregeau, Wurzer, Aforismo

It was decided that the Commission wouldn't grant blanket permission for this brand of shingles. The style will need to be specified on a case-by-case basis.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Cregeau

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Chris Lyons
-Clerk Pro Tem -